(b) and (c) The claims for payment of Family Pension and Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity of deceased employees of Central Ordnance Depot, ii Cantt. and Ordnance Depot, Shakurbasti, are processed on priority. The procedural requirements of obtaining the death certificate of the deceased and identification of the legal heirs/next of kin of deceased employees sometimes result in unavoidable delays. The Depots, however, accord priority to all such cases.

Entitlement of the Chief Executive of a recognised Association

1648. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:
SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Executive of a recognised association of employees of Government of India can hold (on posting/deputation in a coun- utside India; and

if so, the details thereof; if not, easons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE ...STRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) There are no instructions according to which the Chief Executive of a recognised association cannot hold office on posting/deputation in a country outside India.

Indigenous drug for cancer cure

1649. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news item appeared in Indian Express, Hyderabad on 10th August, 1991, captioned "Indigenous Drug for cancer cure";

(b) whether it is a fac tthat Technology for latest cancer drug has been developed by Indian company with the collaboration of the Government Laboratory;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the drug is considered to be a major advancement of cancer chemotherapy;

(e) whether it is a fact that this drug is allowed for import;

(f) if so, what was the quantity imported during the last three years and what is the estimated demand;

(g) what is the price fixed for imported injection and at what price each injection is being sold; and

(h) whether it is a fact that indigenous injection is being offered at half the price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) M/s. Cipla has in the past introduced some anti-cancer drugs in collaboration with National Laboratories. However details have not been received in this Department about the latest anti-cancer drug introduced by them.

(e) Yes. Sir.

(f) Details of import of formulations are not being monitored by this Department. Demand estimation for this drug has also not been done.

(g) and (h) None of the anti-cancer bulk drugs are price controlled under DPCO. However importers of anti-cancer formulations are required to charge not more than 50 per cent of the landed cost to meet distribution costs, transport costs and other charges inclusive of margins.

Multinational Drug Companies

1650. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of multinational drug companies operating in India;